

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 10, Line 15 -- Please replace the paragraph as follows:

In contrast, the first aspect of the present invention relates to a process for bending quartz tubes to create a curved tube of the type shown in Figure 2. The curved tube 10 is bent in one plane only, i.e. so that it is still very straight in directions X and Y (as shown in Figures 2A and 2B) but is curved in direction Z. Figures 2A and 2B also show that tube 10 has a generally circular cross-section and therefore has a curvature along its radial axis.